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C. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work

16. The Committee adopted its agenda and programme of work (A/AC.198/2000/1 and Rev.1), as orally revised by the Chairman and with the agreement of Member States:

1. Opening of the session.
2. Election of officers.
3. Adoption of the agenda and programme of work.
4. Statement by the Chairman.
5. Statement by the Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information.
6. Commemoration of World Press Freedom Day.
7. General debate and consideration of substantive questions.
8. Consideration of the reports of the Secretary-General.
9. Informal consultations in the open-ended working group of the Committee on Information.
10. Preparation and adoption of the report of the Committee to the General Assembly at its fifty-fifth session.

17. The Committee held the substantive meetings of its twenty-second session at United Nations Headquarters from 1 to 12 May 2000.

18. For consideration of items 7 and 8, the Committee had before it the reports of the Secretary-General on:

(a) Reorientation of United Nations activities in the field of public information and communications (A/AC.198/2000/2);

(b) Integration of United Nations information centres with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme: a case-by-case review (A/AC.198/2000/3);

(c) Guidelines for the functioning of United Nations information centres integrated with field offices of the United Nations Development Programme (A/AC.198/2000/4);

(d) United Nations information centres in 1999: allocation of resources from the regular budget of the United Nations (A/AC.198/2000/5);

(e) Development of an international radio broadcasting capacity of the United Nations: progress report on the pilot project (A/AC.198/2000/6);

(f) Multilingual development, maintenance and enrichment of United Nations web sites (A/AC.198/2000/7-A/AC.172/2000/4);

(g) Proposed medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005: programme 23, Public information (A/AC.198/2000/8);

(h) Activities of the Joint United Nations Information Committee in 1999 (A/AC.198/2000/9);

(i) Millennium promotional campaign (A/AC.198/2000/10).

D. Observers

19. The following Member States took part in the session as observers: Antigua and Barbuda, Austria, Azerbaijan, Lesotho, Oman, Saudi Arabia, Tajikistan, United Arab Emirates, and the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia. The Holy See also participated as an observer.

20. Representatives of the following specialized agencies also participated as observers: the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), the International Labour Organization (ILO), the World Health Organization (WHO) and the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). The United Nations Correspondents Association and the World Association of Former United Nations Internes and Fellows, Inc. also took part in the session as observers.

E. Commemoration of World Press Freedom Day

21. On Wednesday morning, 3 May 2000, the Committee observed World Press Freedom Day 2000, organized by the Department of Public Information. The programme, entitled "Reporting the news in a

dangerous world: the role of media in conflict settlement, reconciliation and peace-building", celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the establishment of the Department's Training Programme for Broadcasters and Journalists from Developing Countries. Several past participants in the Programme were panelists.

F. Other matters

22. The Chairman informed the Committee that Armenia and the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya had requested to become members of the Committee on Information.

Notes

[1] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Thirty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/35/21), annex, sect. V.

[2] Ibid., *Thirty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/36/21); ibid., *Thirty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/37/21 and Corr.1); ibid., *Thirty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/38/21 and Corr.1 and 2); ibid., *Thirty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/39/21); ibid., *Fortieth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/40/21); ibid., *Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/41/21); ibid., *Forty-second Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/42/21); ibid., *Forty-third Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/43/21); ibid., *Forty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/44/21); ibid., *Forty-fifth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/45/21); ibid., *Forty-sixth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/46/21); ibid., *Forty-seventh Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/47/21); ibid., *Forty-eighth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/48/21); ibid., *Forty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/49/21); ibid., *Fiftieth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/50/21); and ibid., *Fifty-first Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/51/21).

[3] Ibid., *Fifty-second Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/52/21/Rev.1).

[4] Ibid., *Fifty-third Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/53/21/Rev.1).

[5] Ibid., *Fifty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 21* (A/54/21/Rev.1).